

TO HIS
EXCELLENCY
THE

Lord General Monck.

The Humble Address of the MEMBERS

OF

PARLIAMENT

(In behalf of the People) interrupted and forceably seclused by *Cromwell*
and his Confederates, 1648.

My Lord,

WE hope it is not unknown unto your Excellency, neither unto these Nations for whom we served as Members in that Parliament interrupted by *Oliver Cromwell*, and his confederates in the year 1648. That it was by them forceably done, that we might not in a Parliamentary way discharge our consciences and Trust reposed in us by the people, whereby the Nations would through the blessings of God have been settled. And upon those Concessions from his Majesty at the Isle of *Whites* Treaty, which we found to be a sufficient ground, we did resolve, after some further Treaty, to conclude a Peace, and thereby prevent the efusion of more Christian blood, secure the people from further Calamities, and preserve their rights and freedom intire from any insolent or Arbitrary powers whatsoever: But being hitherto by violence kept out, and sometimes imprisoned, we cannot possibly act: Therefore we desire your Excellency to remove that force which thus obstructs the peoples Rights and our freedom in Parliament, by which you will certainly open a door to the future safety and Tranquility of these Kingdoms, and we can further assure your Lordship, That in this the people will rest satisfied, otherwise we can never expect a lasting peace; for when they are limited and tyed to such qualifications, as we understand are intended in their Elections, it signifies the same with what they already have, and do now so grievously complain and petition against; from hence we have seriously considered the evils and great troubles growing upon us, And unless we can prevail with your Excellency, unto whom we make this our humble Address in their behalf, That we may be admitted according to those Addresses of the Gentry of *Devon*, and other parts, The Nation is unavoidably in a lost condition, as a short time will discover: all which we leave to your Lordships consideration, and as we expect this liberty from you, we are resolved to lessen the present burthens of the people, by taking off all Taxes, Excise, Oppressions and grievances whatsoever.

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